14.10.2003, had enclosed a resolution dated 13th October, 2003, showing interest in taking over Super Bazar and to request for all the required information before proceeding further in the matter. The relevant information, as requested for, was furnished to KSCCF *vide* letters dated 5.12.2003 and 10.2.2004. No further communication has been received from the Federation in this regard.

(d) and (e) As per the information received from the Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies, no action in respect of taking over of Super Bazar either by NCCF or KSCCF is under consideration of the CRCS.

(f) No, Sir.

(g) Does not arise.

The employees of Super Bazar, individually and through their Unions/ Associations, had filed various petitions challenging the order of liquidation of Super Bazar passed by the Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies under the provisions of the Multi State Cooperative Societies Act, 1984. These petitions have been dismissed by the Delhi High Court *vide* orders dated 19.12.2003, 19.3.2004 and 17.5.2004. A Special Leave Petition (SLP) has been filed by one of the Unions against the order of the Delhi High Court dated 19.3.2004 upholding the order of liquidation before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, where the matter is *sub judice.*

Provision of Cyber Cafes and Telecom Centres

†*152. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide cyber cafe and telecom centres at all the railway stations shortly;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have made an assessment of estimated expenditure for the above said arrangements; and

(d) if so, the details of the estimates for the financial year 2004-05 as well as for the next three years?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD):(a) No, Sir. Rail Tel has been authorized to plan cyber cafe, having telecom facilities such as Internet, E-mail, Audio/video chatting, Internet telephony etc., on franchise basis at important stations only, in a phased manner.

(b) One cyber cafe has been commissioned at New Delhi Station as a pilot project. Out of the stations, where technical feasibility to provide cyber cafes exist, it is planned to provide cyber cafes at 51 stations in Phase-I.

(c) Expenditure will depend upon the number of work stations and the type of services to be provided. On an average, a cyber cafe will cost around Rs. 6 to 7 lakhs. However, the expenditure on this account will be met by the Franchise. Railways would provide space/land area only at Railway Stations with Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) connectivity.

(d) Does not arise.

Shortage of wagon wheels

*153. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Railways has lately been saddled with over 20,000 wagons bereft of wheels;

(b) if so, the main reasons for such shortage of wheel sets and the present annual requirement of railway for the same and the total indigenous production and capacity production of such wheels per annum; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to meet the immediate requirements?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD):(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) During the current year 2004-05, the wheel requirement for rolling stock (conventional locos, coaches & wagons) has been assessed as 1,90,000 wheels. At present, there are only two indigenous manufacturers of railway wheels *i.e.* Rail Wheel Factory (RWF), Bangalore and Durgapur Steel Plant (DSP), Durgapur. RWF, Bangalore shall be supplying 95,000 wheels (as against the current production capacity